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1. MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT, IN ADDITION TO DESIRE FOR FRANCE/IAEA/PAKISTAN TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT, FRENCH WERE MOVING FAIRLY QUICKLY UP UNTIL A FEW DAYS AGO TO NEGOTIATE TRILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH IRAQ (NOTWITHSTANDING FACT THAT IRAQ IS NPT PARTY AND HAS ALREADY CONCLUDED NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH IAEA COVERING ALL PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES IN IRAQ), PRESUMABLY RELATED TO RECENTLY REPORTED FRENCH/IRAQ BILATERAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE AGENCY SOURCE, HOWEVER, THIS NEGOTIATIOM HAS BEEN SHELVED FOR TIME BEING, PENDING FINAL OUTCOME OX NEGOTIATIONS ON FRANCE/IAEA/PAKISTAN AGREEMENT.

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2. WHEN IT WAS POINTED OUT TO FRENCH THAT IRAQ

ALREADY HAS NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT, FRENCH REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT THEY WERE AWARE OF THAT BUT WANTED SEPARATE TRILATERAL AS "FALL-BACK."

3. IT IS NOT RPT NOT CLEAR WHAT FRANCE/IAEA/IRAQ TRILATERAL WOULD COVER, BUT WE GATHER IT WOULD BE OF THE GENERAL FRANCE/IAEA/ROK TYPE RATHER THAN THE FRANCE/IAEA/PAKISTAN TYPE, THE LATTER OF WHICH IS INTENDED TO COVER ONLY THE REPROCESSING FACILITY TO BE SUPPLIED BY FRANCE.

4. WILL REPORT FURTHER DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.LABOWITZ

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